GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:34
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000
SAFE DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of drinking water for the rural areas according to the norms adopted by the Government in this regard, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of shortage of drinking water in these areas as assessed by the Government, State-wise;

(c) the number of villages declared as zero resource villages, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for providing drinking water in such villages;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to provide safe drinking water in each and every village;

(g) the schemes being implemented by the Government for the purpose; and

(h) the financial assistance provided to each State under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.34 for reply on 25-7-2000.

(a) to (c): As per the norms adopted for providing drinking water facilities to the rural habitations of the country, forty litres per capita per day (lpcd) is to be provided for humans. In addition to this, a provision of 30 lpcd for animals could be provided in hot and cold desert/ecosystems in 227 blocks of 36 DDP districts of the country. A drinking water source is to be provided for every 250 persons and it should exist within 1.6 km of the habitation in plains or 100 meter elevation in hilly areas.
As per the information furnished by the State Governments the provisional status of coverage of rural habitations with drinking water facilities as on 1-4-2000, based on the above norms, is as under:

Type of coverage	No. of habitations
Total	1422664
Fully Covered (FC)	1172728
Partially Covered (PC)	222493
Not Covered (NC)	27443

According to above statement there are only 27443 rural habitations which do not have access to drinking water facilities, as on 1-4-2000. The State-wise status of habitations `Not Covered` with drinking water facilities is at Annexure-I.

(d) to (g): Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject.State Governments have been implementing Rural Water Supply Programmes under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP).The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing Central assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).Powers have been delegated to the State Governments to plan, sanction and implement individual Rural Water Supply Schemes.

The National Agenda for Governance envisages to provide safe drinking water to all rural habitations in the country in five years.

Accordingly, all the States/UTs were requested to prepare action plans in order to attain this objective, clearly indicating the yearly requirement of funds. Based on the information furnished by the States/UTs, the Department of Drinking Water Supply has prepared a Comprehensive Action Plan to provide safe drinking water to all rural habitations in five years.

(h): Details are given at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I
Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.34 for reply on 25-7-2000

S.No.	State/UT	Number of Not Covered habitations (as on 1.4.2000)
1	Andhra Preadesh	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	440
3	Assam	1623
4	Bihar	625
5	Goa	16
6	Gujrat	293
7	Haryana	12
8	Himachal Pradesh	2738
9	J. & K.	2365
10	Karnataka	65
11	Kerala	842
12	Madhya Pradesh	2700
13	Maharashtra	2597
14	Manipur	74
15	Meghalaya	633
16	Mizoram	0
17	Nagaland	421
18	Orissa	448
19	Punjab	2050
20	Rajasthan	7864
21	Sikkim	0
22	Tamil Nadu	0
23	Tripura	696
24	Uttar Pradesh	845
25	West Bengal	0
26	A&N Islands	0
27	D&N Haveli	56
28	Daman & Diu	0
29	Delhi	0
30	Lakshadweedp	0
31	Pondicherry	40
	TOTAL	27443

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to part (h) of Lok Sabha
Starred Question No.34 for reply on 25-7-2000

State-wise details regarding ARWSP funds released to the States/UTs during 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

(Rs.in lakh)

S.No.	State/UT	1997-98	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001+
1	Andhra Preadesh	8711.18	9991.36	12534.37	11600.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2476.00	2163.82	1980.80	1746.00
3	Assam	2376.52	6417.00	2090.00	2949.00
4	Bihar	0.00	0.00	4690.00	0.00
5	Goa	196.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Gujarat	5540.12	6951.35	7442.20	7085.00
7	Haryana	2269.16	2025.04	2407.24	971.50
8	Himachal Pradesh	1680.97	2913.27	3075.09	2545.50
9	J. & K.	4676.00	4659.41	3190.72	0.00
10	Karnataka	9285.00	10070.63	11409.40	5175.00
11	Kerala	3564.65	4673.49	3446.30	2883.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	8345.68	11061.14	12330.44	5554.50
13	Maharashtra	12087.19	16384.68	17302.37	0.00
14	Manipur	907.00	666.74	0.00	0.00
15	Meghalaya	743.20	1709.00	779.20	686.50

16	Mizoram	583.63	1017.66	696.00	490.50
17	Nagaland	211.00	796.90	579.20	0.00
18	Orissa	5038.39	4793.75	4847.93	0.00
19	Punjab	1713.99	2205.28	2320.64	1191.50
20	Rajasthan	10737.53	11941.63	12002.50	8180.50
21	Sikkim	435.60	1401.12	1045.59	325.00
22	Tamil Nadu	5834.38	10527.51	8958.28	3654.00
23	Tripura	762.00	2128.95	1662.00	608.00
24	Uttar Pradesh	15182.66	16297.06	14825.12	0.00
25	West Bengal	4411.46	6426.91	5606.45	3889.81
26	A&N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	D&N Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	Lakshadweedp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Pondicherry	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	109678.81	137222.70	135220.84	59535.31

+ as on 20-07-2000